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Remarks

In the Office Action of April 1, 2008 the Examiner rejected claims 3-5 and 11-25 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Malderen (listed as "Jose Remacle" in Delphion) WO9935499. The Examiner indicated, however, that claims 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of any intervening claims. In this response, the Applicants have amended claim 4 to recite the limitations of claims 5 and 6. Thus currently amended claim 4 recites subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be patentable. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-10 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 4. Claims 11-25 depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 4 and are thus themselves allowable.

In summary, claims 1-3 5-6 and 26-63 are cancelled, claims 4 and 7-10 are amended herein and claims 4 and 7-25 are currently pending in the application.

Because there are no remaining rejections or objections, the pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Any additional fees for the accompanying response are hereby petitioned for, and the Director is authorized to charge such fees as may be required to Deposit Account 07-0868.

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